

Amendments to the Claims:

1-3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) The cigarette of Claim [[3]] 27, wherein said first section of filter material and said second section of filter material comprise plasticized cellulose acetate tow.

5-7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously Presented) The cigarette of Claim 27, wherein the overall length of the filter element is about 15 to about 65 mm.

9. (Original) The cigarette of Claim 8, wherein the overall length of the filter element is about 25 to about 50 mm.

10-11. (Canceled)

12. (Previously Presented) The cigarette of Claim 37, wherein the activated carbon has an activity of about 60 to about 150 Carbon Tetrachloride Activity.

13. (Previously Presented) The cigarette of Claim 27, wherein said adsorbent is in granular form.

14. (Original) The cigarette of Claim 13, wherein said adsorbent has a particle size of about 8x16 mesh to about 30x70 mesh.

15-19. (Cancelled)

20. (Previously Presented) The cigarette of Claim 27, wherein the capsule is generally spherical in shape.

21. (Previously Presented) The cigarette of Claim 27, wherein the breakable capsule comprises:
an outer gelatin shell; and
an inner liquid composition contained in the outer gelatin shell, the inner liquid composition including at least one flavoring agent and at least one diluting agent.

22. (Canceled)

23. (Canceled)

24. (Previously Presented) The cigarette of Claim 27, wherein the capsule has a diameter of at least about 3 mm.

25. (Previously Presented) The cigarette of Claim 27, wherein the capsule has a diameter of less than about 5 mm.

26. (Previously Presented) The cigarette of Claim 27, wherein the breakable capsule contains a breath freshening agent.

27. (Currently Amended) A cigarette comprising a tobacco rod and a filter element connected to the tobacco rod, said filter element having an end proximal to the tobacco rod and an end distal from the tobacco rod, wherein said filter element comprises:

a first longitudinally extending section of fibrous tow filter material positioned at the end of the filter element distal from the tobacco rod, said first section of filter material comprising a longitudinally extending central portion of fibrous tow filter material, a longitudinally extending outer portion of fibrous tow filter material positioned annularly around the central portion, and a compartment having a structure defined by the inner

central portion, ~~wherein the first section of filter material is free of adsorbent material;~~
a second longitudinally extending section of fibrous tow filter material positioned at the end of the filter element proximal to the tobacco rod and spaced apart from said first section of filter material, the two sections of fibrous tow filter material defining a compartment therebetween;
an adsorbent material contained within at least a portion of the compartment between said first section of filter material and said second section of filter material; and
at least one breakable capsule positioned in the compartment in said first section of filter material such that the capsule is downstream from the adsorbent material present in the filter element, wherein the first section of fibrous tow filter material, the compartment, and the second section of fibrous tow filter material are circumscribed by a plug wrap, and wherein the plug wrap is circumscribed by a tipping material that circumscribes the entire length of the filter element and attaches the filter element to the tobacco rod and wherein the capsule is free of adsorbent material.

28-32. (Cancelled)

33. (Previously Presented) The cigarette of Claim 27, wherein the central portion and the outer portion of said first section of filter material comprise cellulose acetate tow.

34. (Previously Presented) The cigarette of Claim 27, wherein the breakable capsule contains a component capable of altering the overall composition of mainstream smoke generated by the cigarette.

35. (Previously Presented) The cigarette of Claim 27, wherein the breakable capsule contains flavoring for mainstream smoke generated by the cigarette.

36. (Previously Presented) The cigarette of Claim 27, wherein said adsorbent is selected from the group consisting of activated carbon, molecular sieves, clays, activated aluminas, silica gels, and mixtures thereof.

37. (Previously Presented) The cigarette of Claim 27, wherein said adsorbent is activated carbon.

38. (Previously Presented) The cigarette of Claim 27, wherein said adsorbent is present in an amount of about 50 to about 250 mg.

39. (Previously Presented) The cigarette of Claim 27, wherein the breakable capsule contains a flavoring selected from the group consisting of vanilla, coffee, chocolate, cream, mint, spearmint, menthol, peppermint, wintergreen, lavender, cardamon, nutmeg, cinnamon, clove, cascarrilla, sandalwood, honey, jasmine, ginger, anise, sage, licorice, lemon, orange, apple, peach, lime, cherry, strawberry, and eucalyptus.

40. (Previously Presented) The cigarette of Claim 27, wherein the breakable capsule contains a payload comprising about 5 percent to about 25 percent flavoring, based on the total weight of the payload.

41. (Previously Presented) The cigarette of Claim 27, wherein said second section of filter material has a greater particulate removal efficiency than said first section of filter material.

42. (Currently Amended) The cigarette of Claim 41, wherein said ~~first section of filter material and said second section of filter material comprise a fibrous filter material, and said second~~ section of filter material comprises filaments having a lower weight per unit length than the filaments of said first section of filter material.

43. (Previously Presented) The cigarette of Claim 42, wherein said second section of filter material comprises filaments having a weight per unit length of less than about 2.5 denier per filament and said first section of filter material comprises filaments having a weight per unit length of greater than about 3.0 denier per filament.

44. (Previously Presented) The cigarette of Claim 43, wherein said second section of filter material comprises filaments having a weight per unit length of about 1.8 to about 2.5 denier per filament and said first section of filter material comprises filaments having a weight per unit length of about 3.0 to about 10 denier per filament.

45. (Previously Presented) The cigarette of Claim 27, wherein one or both ends of the inner central portion of the first section of filter material are crimped.